resources. Re-appropriation of funds from one project to another is a continuous process based on the physical progress and the relative priority of the work.

Special Grant for Railway Projects

2846. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have sought special grant from the Central Government to accelerate work on select projects;

(b) if so, project the proposed to be covered by the Special Grants; and

(c) the response received from the Finance Ministry in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Railways have sought additional funds from the Central Government for expediting the progress of identified projects. The names of these projects are at Statement *(See* below).

Ministry of Finance have agreed to release an amount of Rs.. 898 Crores for these selected projects, which has been proposed in Supplementary Demand for Grants 2001-2002.

Statement

Central Funded Projects

New Lines

1. Panvel-Karjat : Electrified Line (Phase-I)
2. Fatua-Islampur including material modification for extension of new line from Bihar Sharif to Barbigha
3. Koderma-Ranchi
4. Rajgir-Hisua-Tilaya
5. Katra-Falzabad
6. Chandigarh-Ludhiana
7. Jammu- Tawi-Udhampur
8. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramula
9. Hubli-Ankola
10. Daitari-Banspani

11. Dharmavaram-Penukonda via Puttaparthi
12. Godhra-Indore-Dewas-Maksi

Gauge Conversion

1. Miraj-Latur
2. Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura & Kasganj-Bareilly
3. New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigoan
4. Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati
5. Secunderabad-Mudkhed & Jankhampct-Bodhan
6. Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore
7. Cuddalore-Salem via Vriddhachalam
8. Gandhidham-Palanpur
9. Surendcrnagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuwa with the extension to Pipavav

Doubling

1. Chandanpur-Group 3rd line
2. Group-Shaktigarh : 3rd line
3. Punpun-Taregna (Patna-Gaya, Phase-Ill)
4. Chhapra-Hajipur
5. Karpurigram-Siho
6. Amroha-Moradabad
7. Kanpur-Panki : 3rd Line (Phase-I)
8. Zafrabad-Utertia Phase-ll (Zafrabad-Srikrishnnagar)
9. Gooty-Renigunta : Patch Doubling
10. Gooty-Renigunta Sec. Doubling of Balapalle-Pullampet (Phase-I)
11. Gudur-Renigunta
12. Hospet-Guntakal
13. Rahama-Paradeep
14. Titlagarh-Lanjigarh
15. Bilaspur-Urkura

Railway Electrification

1. Sitarampur-Danapur-Mugalsarai including Rampur Dumra-Garhara-Barauni
2. Ambala-Morabadad

3. Circular Railway around Lucknow area
4. Bhubancshwar-Kottavalasa
5. Bokarao Steel City-Muri-Hatia Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu/ Barsuan incl. Purulia-Kotshila
6. Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar including Talcher-Paradeep

Double-Lining of Guntakal-Hospet Rail Line

2847. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Railway Infrastructure Development Limited has requested Government to approve doubling of the Guntakal Hospet rail line;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the above project; and

(c) whether Government have approved the above work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Guntakal -Hospet doubling project is a sanctioned project. The latest estimated cost of the project as per the Budget papers for the year 2001-02 is Rs. 154.10 crores. Necessary approvals have already been obtained for the execution of this project. It is one of the four projects identified for execution through Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), the proposed Joint Venture between Ministry of Railways and the Government of Karnataka.

New Delhi-Guwahati Fast Train

2848. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce any new fast train from New Delhi to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.